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SUBJECT: GOH EXPROPRIATION OF UNITED BRANDS LAND

REFS: (A) STATE 299716, (B) TEGUCIGALPA 5749,
(C) TEGUCIGALPA 5765, (D) TEGUCIGALPA 5786

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED INFORMATION WHICH EMBASSY
HAS SUPPLIED TO DATE CONCERNING THE EXPROPRIATION OF
UNITED BRANDS LANDS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING TEXTS
OF DECREES ISSUED.

2. WITHOUT PRECISE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAND INVOLVED
AND THE ARGUMENTS BEING USED BY THE GOH TO JUSTIFY EXPRO-
PRIATION, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO ASSESS THE
LEGALITY OF ITS ACTION OR DRAW CONCLUSIONS AS TO HOW THE
USG SHOULD RESPOND. WE NOTE THAT THE GOH HAS OFFERED
TO COMPENSATE UNITED BRANDS (APPARENTLY IN CONFORMITY
WITH PROVISIONS OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW), ALTHOUGH
THE COMPANY MAY NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE INITIAL OFFER.
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IT SEEMS TO US THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE USG NEED NOT BECOME
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COMPANY
AND THE GOH. THE EMBASSY SHOULD EXTEND EVERY COURTESY
TO THE COMPANY AND FACILITATE ITS ENTREE TO GOH OFFICIALS
AS APPROPRIATE, BUT IT SHOULD NOT OFFER TO PROVIDE ANY
FORMAL ASSISTANCE UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD THE

OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION IN DEPTH AND CAN
RECOMMEND A SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION.
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